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SUBJECT: AEROAMERICA CABIN PERSONNEL MAY STRIKE

SUMMARY: AEROAMERICA CABIN PERSONNEL WHO ARE SEEKING TO  
UNIONIZE HAVE THREATENED TO STRIKE AEROAMERICA THIS WEEKEND  
IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO START NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREEMENT. AEROAMERICA BERLIN MANAGER OPTIMISTIC  
THAT STRIKE WILL BE AVOIDED. WE ARE WATCHING SITUATION  
CAREFULLY BUT NOT BECOMING DIRECTLY INVLOVED AT THIS POINT.  
END SUMMARY.

1. BERLIN PRESS REPORTS JULY 2-5 STATE THAT BERLIN-BASED  
AEROAMERICA STEWDARDESSES AND STEWARDS MAY GO ON STRIKE AT  
THE END OF THIS WEEK, THEREBY CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES  
TO ABOUT 6000 WEST BERLINERS WHO ARE BOOKED ON SOME 40 AERO-  
AMERICA CHARTER FLIGHTS TO AND FROM BERLIN FOR THE COMING  
WEEKEND.

2. SINCE MARCH 1977, THE BERLIN BRANCH OF THE "DEUTSCHE  
ANGESTELLTEN-GEWERKSCHAFT" (DAG) TRADE UNION HAD REPEATEDLY  
SOUGHT A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH AEROAMERICA  
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THAT WOULD ENTITLE THE CABIN CREWS TO UNIONIZE BY ELECTING A  
WORKERS' COUNCIL. (AEROAMERICA GROUND PERSONNEL HAVE UNION  
REPRESENTATION, BUT CABIN CREWS DO NOT.) DAG WAS UNABLE TO  
OBTAIN AGREEMENT OF THE AEROAMERICA MANAGEMENT; THEREFORE  
THE DAG ARRANGED A BALLOT IN WHICH 96 PERCENT VOTED FOR STRIKE  
MEASURES.

3. THE STRIKE THREAT INVOLVES 48 AEROAMERICA STEWDARESSES AND STEWARDS, OF WHOM 38 ARE DAG MEMBERS. THE BERLIN DAG, HOWEVER, EXPECTS THAT THE 10 STEWDARDESSES WHO ARE ALSO ORGANIZED WITH OTHER TRADE UNIONS OR ARE NOT TRADE UNION MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE STRIKE BECAUSE OF SYMPATHY REASONS.

4. "BILD-ZEITUNG" OF JULY 5, 1977, REPORTED THAT THE STRIKE WILL START ON JULY 7, BUT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE U.S. MISSION BY THE BERLIN DAG BOARD, NO STRIKE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE A TALK BETWEEN AEROAMERICA CHAIRMAN EISENBERG (WHO WILL COME TO BERLIN ON THURSDAY) AND BERLIN DAG REPRESENTATIVES SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8. IF EISENBERG AGREES TO START NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE STRIKE COMMITTEE WILL ABSTAIN FROM ANY STRIKE MEASURES. IF HE WILL AGREE, HOWEVER, THE STRIKE WILL START "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

5. AEROAMERICA MANGER MATHUS IS OPTIMISTIC THAT SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITHOUT STRIKE, BUT HE TOLD US HE HAS LINED UP BACKUP AIRCRAFT "JUST IN CASE." THESE WOULD BE SUBCHARTERS FROM OTHER AIRLINES.

6. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL FORMS OF AIR ACCESS TO THE CITY, INCLUDING VACATION CHARTERS, WE ARE WATCHING SITUATION CAREFULLY, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE ALLIED OR U.S. INTERVENTION IS CALLED FOR AT THIS POINT. GEORGE  
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